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Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Summary

Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38, the General Assembly would decide that the general administrative, personnel and financial services of the United Nations shall be utilized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) on conditions determined in consultations between the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute; the United Nations will provide the space occupied by the Institute free of rent and maintenance charges and will also provide in future budgets, starting with the biennium 2004-2005, an amount of $305,400 biennially for that purpose; the Institute's current outstanding debt of $310,974, relating to unpaid rental and maintenance costs shall be paid by the United Nations in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005; paragraph 13 of article VIII of the statute of the Institute would be amended.

Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38, modifications would be required under article VIII of the statute of the Institute. The regular budget of the United Nations would assume the rental and maintenance costs of UNITAR in the amount of $152,700 to cover requirements related to 2003 to be provided through the additional appropriation in the context of operations of the contingency fund. An additional biennial appropriation of $305,400 would be required under the regular budget of the United Nations in future bienniums, starting with the biennium 2004-2005 and a one-time, non-recurrent appropriation of $310,974 would also be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to pay the Institute's current outstanding debt, relating to unpaid rent and maintenance costs.

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I. Introduction

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the general administrative, personnel and financial services of the United Nations shall be utilized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on conditions determined in consultations between the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute;

(b) Decide also that the United Nations will provide the space occupied by the Institute free of rent and maintenance charges and will also provide in future budgets, starting with the biennium 2004-2005, an amount of $305,400 biennially for that purpose;

(c) Decide further that the Institute's current outstanding debt of $310,974, relating to unpaid rental and maintenance costs, shall be paid by the United Nations in the context of the programme budget for 2004-2005;

(d) Decide to amend paragraph 13 of article VIII of the statute of the Institute, as proposed in the statement by the Secretary-General on these matters (see A/C.2/57/L.50, para. 18).

2. Since the requests contained in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the draft resolution could be implemented only after the amendment of paragraph 13 of article VIII of the statute of UNITAR, it would be appropriate to structure the draft resolution so that the substance of operative paragraph 5 precedes paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

3. As regards the provisions of paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the United Nations would provide the space occupied by the Institute free of rent and maintenance charges and would also provide in future budgets, starting with the biennium 2004-2005, an amount of $305,400 biennially. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that an additional appropriation of $152,700 would be required under section 27, Management and central support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (sect. 27)) in order for the United Nations regular budget to assume, beginning in 2003, the rental and maintenance cost burden and other administrative support costs charged to the Institute by the United Nations in Geneva and New York for 2003. The additional biennial provision of $305,400 would be also included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

4. As regards the provisions of paragraph 4, whereby the Institute's current outstanding debt of $310,974 would be paid by the United Nations in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General, based on the statement of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee made at the 30th meeting on 6 December 2002, that paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of draft resolution (A/C.2/57/L.35) of the Second Committee, which deal with the same issues as paragraphs 1 to 5 of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38, would be withdrawn.

5. **In sum, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38, an additional provision of $152,700 would be required over and above the resources proposed under section 27, Management and central support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. This provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such,**

would require an increase in appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003. In future budgets, starting with that for the biennium 2004-2005, the amount of $305,400 would be required biennially for this purpose. A non-recurrent additional appropriation of $310,974 would be also required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to pay the Institute's current outstanding debt, relating to unpaid rental and maintenance costs.

6. **Paragraph 13 of article VIII of the statute of UNITAR would be amended to read:**

> **"The general administrative, personnel and financial services of the United Nations shall be utilized by the Institute on conditions determined in consultation between the Secretary-General and the Executive Director, it being understood that the space occupied by the Institute is provided by the United Nations free of rent and maintenance charges."**